GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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IRREGULARITIES BY LPG AGENCIES AND PETROL PUMPS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of complaints registered with the Government regarding less measuring/weighing petrol and diesel by the petrol pumps and LPG agencies during the year, 2002;

(b) the action taken thereon;

(c) whether such a practice is prevailing at most of the petrol pumps and LPG agencies situated in various States including capital of the country, Delhi;

(d) if so, the action taken so far by the Government in this regard;

(e) whether the Government have formulated any work plan to check this practice of less measuring/weighing by the petrol pumps and gas agencies; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to (f) : Several complaints alleging irregularities including less measuring/weighing petrol and diesel have been received from different parts of the country including Delhi. Based on the complaint received, Anti-Adulteration Cell under this Ministry carried out 482 inspections during the year 2002. The Inspection Reports were sent to concerned Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) for taking action as per the Marketing Discipline Guidelines and/or Dealership Agreement.Department of Legal Metrology in the States put their seals on the dispensing units at Retail Outlets for ensuring correct delivery. However, Oil Marketing Companies undertake regular and surprise inspections at Retail Outlets to detect irregularities of any kind including less measurement/weighment. LPG distributors of OMCs are under strict instructions to supply the cylinders of right quantity and quality to their customers.The Oil Company Officials carry out random checks at distributor`s godown, delivery point as well as enroute to ensure that no pilferage takes place. During the period April to December, 2002, 20 complaints of supply of under-weight cylinders to customers were established and action against erring distributors has been taken in terms of Marketing Discipline Guidelines and/or Distributorship Agreement.